

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
WESTERN DIVISION AT DAYTON**

NOVASTAR MORTGAGE, INC.,	:	
Plaintiff,	:	Case No. 3:07CV100
vs.	:	District Judge Thomas M. Rose
		Magistrate Judge Sharon L. Ovington
ANGELA WATSON, <i>et al.</i> ,	:	
Defendants.	:	

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS¹

Plaintiff in this foreclosure action asserts in its Motion To Dismiss (Doc. #12) that dismissal of Defendant Unknown Spouse, if any, of Angela Watson, 4081 Redonda Lane, Dayton, OH 45416 is warranted under Fed. R. Civ. P. 21. Plaintiff explains that it has been unable to legally identify this person, and consequently, this person is not a necessary party to this action.

Rule 21 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provides for severance of claims or parties by stating, in part, “Parties may be dropped or added by order of the court on motion of any parties or of its own initiative at any stage of the case and on such terms as are just....” Because Plaintiff has been unable to legally identify the particular Defendant it seeks to dismiss, Plaintiff has shown good cause for a Rule 21 dismissal as to this Defendant.

¹ Attached hereto is a NOTICE to the parties regarding objections to this Report and Recommendations.

Accordingly, it is hereby **RECOMMENDED** that Plaintiff's Motion to Dismiss (Doc. #12) be **GRANTED**, and Defendant Unknown Spouse, if any of Angela Watson, 4081 Redonda Lane, Dayton, OH 45416 be **DISMISSED** as a party to this case pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 21.

May 30, 2007

s/Sharon L. Ovington
Sharon L. Ovington
United States Magistrate Judge

NOTICE REGARDING OBJECTIONS

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b), any party may serve and file specific, written objections to the proposed findings and recommendations within ten days after being served with this Report and Recommendations. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(e), this period is extended to thirteen days (excluding intervening Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays) because this Report is being served by mail. Such objections shall specify the portions of the Report objected to and shall be accompanied by a memorandum of law in support of the objections. If the Report and Recommendations are based in whole or in part upon matters occurring of record at an oral hearing, the objecting party shall promptly arrange for the transcription of the record, or such portions of it as all parties may agree upon or the Magistrate Judge deems sufficient, unless the assigned District Judge otherwise directs. A party may respond to another party's objections within ten days after being served with a copy thereof.

Failure to make objections in accordance with this procedure may forfeit rights on appeal. *See United States v. Walters*, 638 F. 2d 947 (6th Cir. 1981); *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140 (1985).